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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 20, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUA980020

Ex Parte: In the matter of adopting rules governing the filing of applications for approval pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia

ORDER SETTING HEARING

By order entered July 21, 1998, the Commission established this proceeding for consideration of adopting rules governing applications filed pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia ("Affiliate Rules").

After notice to interested persons and the public, the Commission received a number of comments on the Affiliate Rules from the following: The Potomac Edison Company, d/b/a Allegheny Power; Appalachian Power Company, d/b/a American Electric Power, Inc.; Kentucky Utilities Company, d/b/a Old Dominion Power Company; Delmarva Power and Light Company; Virginia Electric and Power Company; A & N Electric Cooperative together with BARC Electric Cooperative, Community Electric Cooperative, Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative, Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative, Northern Neck Electric Cooperative, Inc., Northern

Virginia Electric Cooperative, Powell Valley Electric Cooperative, Prince George Electric Cooperative, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative, Southside Electric Cooperative, Inc., Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, and the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (collectively, the "Cooperatives"); Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., together with Roanoke Gas Company, Virginia Natural Gas, Inc., Washington Gas Light Company, Virginia Gas Distribution Company, Atmos Energy Corporation, d/b/a United Cities Gas Company ("United Cities"), Southwestern Virginia Gas Company, and Commonwealth Public Service Corporation (collectively, "Gas Companies"); Virginia American Water Company; United Water Virginia; Association of Virginia Water Companies; Dale Service Corporation; Enron Energy Services, Inc.; GTE South Incorporated ("GTE"); Central Telephone Company of Virginia together with United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.; Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.; and Virginia Telecommunications Industry Association. GTE, United Cities, and Gas Companies requested a hearing.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the comments and requests for hearing filed herein, is of the opinion that the requests for hearing should be granted. We will permit the parties having filed comments and desiring to offer evidence at the hearing either to adopt their comments as their testimony or

to prefile separate testimony. Any party adopting its comments as its testimony must identify its witness(es) who will sponsor the comments and must provide a brief description of the specific issues the party intends to address at the hearing. We will also direct the Commission Staff to prefile testimony or a report. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) A public hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relevant to the proposed Affiliate Rules is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

(2) On or before September 2, 2000, the Commission Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of any testimony or report its expects to introduce at the hearing scheduled herein.

(3) On or before September 20, 2000, any party having filed comments who desires to offer evidence at the hearing scheduled herein shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of any testimony (or its filing adopting its comments) it expects to introduce at the hearing, and shall serve a copy of such filing on all parties to this proceeding.

(4) Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing on October 2, 2000, need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 A.M. on the day of the hearing and identify himself to the bailiff as a public witness.